



**DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**TO: MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL**

**FROM: CALDER HIBBARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 13, 2016 MFRC MEETING**

In preparation for the January 13, 2016 meeting of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC), attached are the following materials (those related to action items are in **bold**):

1. This cover memo.
2. **Draft minutes for the November 18, 2015 MFRC meeting.**
3. **Draft agenda for the January 13, 2016 MFRC meeting.**
4. Written communications to the MFRC.
5. Committee reports.
6. **EPA letter resolution.**
7. **Competitiveness report recommendations resolution.**

### **Meeting Logistics**

The MFRC will meet on January 13, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center, located at 4580 Victoria Street North in Shoreview, Minnesota. Directions to the meeting are provided below.

**From 35E,** exit onto County Road 96 (exit number 117), going west. Follow CR96 for 4 miles. Turn right (north) onto Victoria Street North. You'll see the building on your right. Parking is free.

**From 35W,** exit onto County Road 96 (exit number 28), going east. Follow CR96 for about 3 miles, during which you'll cross Highway 10, and Lexington Avenue North. Turn left onto Victoria Street North. You'll see the building on your right. Parking is free.

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## **Meeting Agenda**

### **Committee of the whole: Approval of prioritized competitiveness report recommendations\***

Kathleen Preece and Calder Hibbard will present a draft set of priority recommendations to the MFRC for approval. These recommendations will guide the MFRC and others in pursuit of addressing priority issues around the competitiveness of the forest products industry in Minnesota.

### **Approval of EPA letter\***

Kathleen Preece and Calder Hibbard will present a draft letter to the EPA regarding the use of woody biomass in implementing the Clean Power Plan. It is proposed that the MFRC send a letter to the EPA in these regards.

### **Strategic vision for the MFRC**

Kathleen Preece and Calder Hibbard will start to lay out the foundation for a strategic planning process. They will ask the MFRC to start to develop the scope and breadth of the process.

Discussion ideas might include:

- Timeframe and professional assistance,
- Development of background and context,
- Formation of an ad hoc committee, and an
- Analysis of strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities.

### **Using LiDAR to assess forest harvest landings and potential for recovery.**

Rob Slesak will present data regarding the ability of forest harvest landings to recover over time.

### **Good Neighbor Authority**

Darla Lenz will introduce Chad Kirschbaum and a DNR representative to describe the progress of the Superior and Chippewa National Forests and the Minnesota DNR in regards to the Good Neighbor Authority.

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\*Denotes action item